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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Major Mineral - Grant of Composite License for Budharayavalasa Manganese Block over an extent of 638.000 Hectares in Vizianagaram District in favour of M/s. MOR Metals and Minerals by declaring them as "Successful Bidder" through e-Auction under Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 18(3) of the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 - Orders - Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.76 Dated:25.08.2023
Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms. No.56, I&C(M-III) Department dt.07.10.2020.
2. Govt. Memo No.INC01-MG0MAJM/45/2021-M-III, dt.11.10.2021.
3. From the DM&G, AP., Lr.No.2593004/P/2021, Dt.27.10.2021.
4. Govt Letter No. MG0MAJM/45/2021-M-III dt.03.11.2021.
5. From the MoM, GoI, Lr.No.7/60/2021-M.IV, Dt.03.12.2021.
6. From the DM&G, AP., NIT dt.24.01.2022.
7. From the DM&G, AP., Lr.No. 2593004/P- Budharayavalasa /2019, Dt.11.05.2022.
8. Govt., Memo No. Memo No.MG0MAJM/09.2022-M.III, Dt.22.06.2022.
9. From the DM&G, AP., Letter No.2593004/P-Budharayavalasa/2019, Dt.13.07.2023.

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ORDER:

In the G.O 1st read above, Government have issued orders constituting High Power Committee with Secretary, Ind. & Com. (Mines & Geology) Dept., Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Finance Dept., Secretary to Govt, & CIP., Ind. & Com Dept., Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines & Director (A.P. State- Division), Geological Survey of India, Southern Region, Hyderabad as Members and Officer nominated by O/o the Director of Mines & Geology as Member Convener, to deal with the finalization of the value of the block, fixation of the block eligibility criteria and also the financial and other related matters involved in the e-auction with the terms of reference as specified therein.

2. In the memo 2nd read above, Government have accorded permission for grant of Composite Licence for Budharayavalasa Manganese Block, over an extent of 638.000 Hectares in Vizianagaram District. Accordingly, the High Power Committee met on 15.12.2021 and decided to conduct e-Auction for grant of Composite Licence over the subject area with reserve price of 10% of value of mineral dispatched. During the meeting, decisions have also been taken for constitution of a Technical Evaluation Committee for evaluation of bids comprising with the officials of Director, AP Unit, GSI, RCoM, IBM, CGM (Finance) APIIC, JDM&G, Department of Mines and Geology and DDM&G, MERIT. The committee has finally authorized the Director of Mines and Geology, to conduct auction of Budharayavalasa Manganese Block.

3. The Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., based on the prior approval of MoM, GoI communicated vide Letter 5th read above, issued NIT 6th read above, calling participation of prospective bidders in e-auction for the said Manganese block duly publishing the date of auction 22.04.2022, through AP e-Procurement portal along with timelines and schedule. In the e-Auction M/s MOR Metals and Minerals become the preferred bidder with final price of 11.10% of value of the mineral to be dispatched from Budharayavalasa Manganese Block of total three (3) prospective bidders. M/s MOR Metals and Minerals vide Lr.No.MM/07/22, Dt.06.05.2022 submitting the copy of Performance Security towards B.G No.0365NDDG00002823 Dt: 05.05.2022 for INR [1,50,00,000] ([Indian Rupees One Crore and Fifty Lakhs only]) & requested to issue LoI/necessary orders allotting Budharayavalasa Manganese Block in their favour.

4. In the Letter 8th read above, Government have issued Letter of Intent (LoI) under Rule 18(1) of amended Mineral Auction Rules, 2021 for the said block for grant of Composite Licence to M/s. MOR Metals and Minerals; the preferred bidder as required under Rule 18(2) of the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 that they shall be considered to be the "successful bidder" upon :

1. continuing to be in compliance with all the terms and conditions of eligibility.
2. obtaining all consents, approvals, permits, no-objections and the like as may be required under applicable laws for commencement of prospecting operations; and
3. submitting the Scheme of prospecting.

5. In the letter 9th read above, the DM&G, AP., while stating that M/s MOR Metals and Minerals complied with all terms and conditions of eligibility criteria in the tender and enclosing following documents submitted by the bidder, has requested the Govt., to declare M/s MOR Metals and Minerals as "Successful Bidder" through e-Auction vide tender No.2593004/P/2019-CL-5, Dt.24.01.2022 and grant Composite License in favour of them for the said block.

i. Scheme of Prospecting of Budharayavalasa Manganese block.
ii. A copy of No Objection Certificate issued by the Tahsildar Merakamududam Mandal, Vizianagaram District vide Rc.No.241/2022/A, Dt.01.03.2023.
iii. Geological Plans.

6. Government, after careful examination of the above facts and circumstances reported by the DM&G, AP., hereby declare M/s MOR Metals and Minerals as "Successful Bidder" through e-Auction and accordingly grant Composite License for Budharayavalasa Manganese block over an extent of 638.000 Ha in Vizianagaram District in favour of M/s MOR Metals and Minerals under Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 18(3) of the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015, subject to satisfaction of all other terms and conditions laid down under MM(D&R) Act and the Rules made thereunder and also standing instructions and guidelines issued by the GoI and State Government from time to time.

7. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of A.P., shall take necessary further action accordingly, after satisfying himself that the grantee fulfills all the required terms and conditions as stipulated in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.
The OSD to Minister(M&G)
SF/SCs.

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SECTION OFFICER